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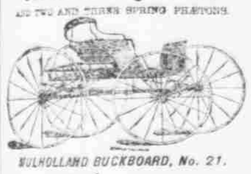

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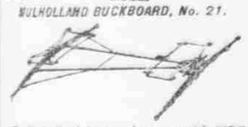

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THE NUGENTS.

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CHAPTER I.

The Nugents had been the great people of Deane Ella long before their large ugly red brick mansion was built, and when they lived at the Manor, a rambling two-storied house, set in the midst of a huge cherry-orchard, and forming as near as possible the center of the village.—When the Queen Anne mansion put the more cosy and picturesque Manor in the shade, the Manor was turned into a dower-house, the occupant of which was the mother of Jasper Nugent, the reigning Squire, or, as she was always called, "Madam Nugent," by all the country round.—As a means of distinction between the two Mistresses Nugent, the Squire's wife was invariably spoken of as "the Mistress." In many parts of Yorkshire it is not the custom to give the great family their name. In Deane Ella, there were "Madam," "the Mistress," "t' Squoire," "t' yoong Squoire," and "Miss Dolly."

There were people round about who considered that Squire Nugent did not maintain his dignity as he ought to have done. They said he did not possess the amount of exclusiveness and pride becoming to a man of his station and ancient lineage; but they were not his friends or his own people who said so.

He was Nugent of Deane Ella, just as his forefathers had been Nugents of Deane Ella for many generations before him.—He knew every man, woman, and child on his estate, just as he had known most of their fathers before them. He had no fear of losing caste by standing and talking half an hour with Jacob Wright, or sitting as long in Widow Smart's cottage, listening to her account of "them rheumatics"—ay, and what was best of all, taking interest in them too. No pride!—Why, he had the best pride of all—the pride that cares for nothing or nobody, only for doing what is just and right.

So the mushroom-gentry round about whispered their petty deprecating remarks amongst themselves; and Squire Nugent went on his way in blissful disregard of them and their opinions alike.—He was a handsome, blue-eyed, broad-chested man, standing six feet two in his stockings, with a frank hearty laugh, a fearless look, and a great hand, ready to help every one alike.

He had a huge contempt for London and town ways, though he sacrificed himself every spring, and left the cherry-blossom and the fresh air behind him for a month because the Mistress liked her season—the Mistress's will and pleasure were law to him, as they had been to every one else in Deane Ella ever since the first Sunday her golden hair and imperious violet eyes had won every heart, as she stood beside her big handsome husband in the old church.

For her he dawdled away long mornings in shops, wondering the while if Joe was giving the roan mare her exact amount of exercise, or if the chestnut foal was as great a beauty as Briggs had sent him word. For her sake he sat in hot theatres, and when he laughed at the jokes—laughter like himself, huge and hearty—people turned round and laughed for very sympathy—he looked so jolly.

And so Nugent of Deane Ella went on his way, a happy, healthy, hearty country gentleman—the hardest rider, the best shot, and the handsomest man for twenty miles round Deane Ella, looking, as some people said, the living embodiment of the two words carved above the great hearth in the hall—the two words which were the motto of his house, "For ever!"

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"Dolly, Dolly, Dolly, I say! Where are you?"

"Here, Jasper," cried a childish treble in reply. "What is it?"

"Get your hat quickly," said the boy, as a golden-haired girl ran out into the brilliant August sunlight. "William Pickard's going to take the wasps' nest in the manure-heap, but he's waiting for you to see; so be quick."

"At this time of day!" ejaculated Dolly.

"Yes. Father's going to Garthside to-morrow to fish, and he is to start to-night, so to be there in time for dinner—that's why they want it; but be quick."

Dolly dashed into the house and snatched a sailor's hat, from the table in the inner hall, returning to her brother in a moment.

"Give me your hand, and we'll run, said the boy, holding out a very dirty hand.

Dolly put hers into it, and they set off down the road leading past the Vicarage, and down the quaint village street.

"Who are those distinguished-looking children?" asked a lady, who was looking over the Vicarage wall with the Vicar's wife.

Mrs. Carruthers watched them out of sight before she replied to her guest's question.

"They are the Squire's children," she answered. "I wonder what freak they are up to now?"

"The Squire's children," said the lady, glancing aside at the chimneys of the house as she spoke. "Dear me, are they generally allowed to run wild like that?"

"Run wild," repeated Mrs. Carruthers, with a laugh. "Why, the people about Deane Ella worship them—if possible, more than they worship the Squire himself; and Dolly is the most perfect little aristocrat you ever saw."

Meanwhile the children ran swiftly on through the village street; Dolly stumbling once or twice, but keeping bravely up with the help of Jasper's stronger hand.

"Keep up, Dolly; we shall be there in a minute," he panted.

"All—right," she answered cheerfully, though she was very much "blown" indeed.

They turned the corner, leading into Pickard's fold-yard, pretty sharply, and Dolly, missing her footing amongst the rubble that had been placed there for the foundation for a new road, suddenly came to the ground with a heavy thud; and Jasper, still running at full speed, dragged her a step or two before he could stop himself.

The sound of the fall and Dolly's piercing shriek brought William Pickard upon the scene very quickly. He was a tall fair-faced man, nearly as big as Squire Nugent himself.

"Why, my honey-sweet, he exclaimed, "this is a bad business surely! Why, I lay she's cut her pretty knees a'most to bone! Whatever were you thinking on, Master Jasper, to let her down like o' that?"

"Why, it was the rubble, William!" answered Jasper. "I think her ankle twisted," he was already down upon his knees in the dirt, examining the full extent of Dolly's injuries. "Does it hurt you much, Dolly, darling?"

"Y-e-s-s"—and Dolly winced, while she bit her lip to keep herself from the ignominy of tears. "But I think I can manage to walk."

"Whatever is the matter?" asked a cheery voice behind them.

"Miss Dolly has come to grief among t' rubble," answered William Pickard, "and I doubt you'd best hev' her in, and bathe her knees with warm water."

"My poor blessed little lamb!" cried Mrs. Pickard, with quick sympathy.—"Come in and let me see to them."

"But the wasps' nest!" objected Dolly. "I came to see Mr. William take the wasps' nest."

"Oh, we can wait a bit for that," rejoined the jovial good-natured farmer. "I believe the missis was making some cheese-cakes this morning, and I doubt she'll be ready to give Master Jasper a few; so come in and we'll see."

He picked Dolly up in his arms and carried her into the large old-fashioned kitchen, setting her down in a huge arm-chair of oak, polished with use and black with age, from which throne-like seat Dolly heroically surveyed the preparations for the relief of her injuries.

"Annie," cried Mrs. Pickard, going to the foot of the stairs, "bring a clean soft towel down directly!"

An answering "Yes'm" was heard, and a moment later a comely woman-servant ran in with a towel in her hand, stopping short as she perceived Dolly in the arm-chair.

"Has aught come to Miss Dolly?" she asked.

"Yes; I've barked my knees, returned Dolly philosophically, looking down upon her little bruised and bleeding knees with an air of triumph which set them all laughing. "But I didn't cry; did I, Mr. William?"

"No, my honey; you're t' Squire's own daughter," he answered, smoothing the golden curls away from her flushed face. "A real brave little lass, she is."

Oh-h-h!"—and Dolly made a grimace as Mrs. Pickard applied the warm water to her bruises; then with a comical downward look, "Will it mark me, do you think?"

The jolly farmer burst out laughing.

"Well," cried Dolly, half laughing too, "Joe let the gray mare down last year, and father said she was never good for anything after!"

"Take no notice of him, my pet," said Mrs. Pickard, stopping to kiss the pretty bruised knee as she dried it. "It will be all right in a day or two. Annie, bring out some cheese-cakes and some cream.—Would you like a few strawberries too, my pet?"

"Yes, I should, please, very much," answered Dolly; "but"—breaking off and turning anxiously to watch the farmer, who was moving away—"Mr. William Pickard, you won't go without me?" she cried imploringly.

"Sure not," he answered returning.—"I was thinking, mother"—he often called her "mother," though they had no children—we might go out and get our business, over, and then come back and get some cheese-cakes. You see t'Squire wants the grub in good time."

"Oh, yes, please, Mrs. Pickard!" put in Dolly eagerly. She was dreadfully afraid these of the sterner sex would leave her in the lurch.

She jumped down from the large chair and followed the farmer and Jasper, but when she reached the door turned back, and going up to Mrs. Pickard, put two loving arms round her, and administered a tender rose-bud mouth.

"Thank you, dear Mrs. Pickard," she cried.

"My little lamb, my honey-sweet!" exclaimed the farmer's wife, gathering her into her arms and kissing her a dozen times. "Bless her; what a sunbeam she is," she said to Annie as Dolly went out again.

"A real Nugent," returned Annie, as if nothing more could be said on that subject.

"Meanwhile Dolly, with the real Nugent pluck, ran out of the house and along the rubble as if she had never had a fall in her life; and having seen the whole of the wasp-taking process, during which the farmer and one of the men got a sting or two, returned to the house with Jasper, and went straight into Mrs. Pickard's pleasant sitting-room where they found the promised cheese-cake and strawberries.

"It was splendid!" announced Dolly, triumphantly. "They put the powder in, you know, and it went on with a f-l-f-u-ff, and all the wopses blew up in a regular cloud. I say, Jasper"—turning sharply to the young Squire, who had already appropriated a cheese-cake—"you might have waited until you were asked."

"Oh, it's all right!" returned Jasper, with careless ease, and speaking with his mouth full. "Mrs. Pickard did ask us before you knew."

"Yes; but still it isn't polite," objected Dolly; "and I think mother would be ashamed of you!"

Here Mrs. Pickard bent down and kissed the pretty flushed face again, piling the largest strawberries on her plate as she did so.

"I say, Jasper," remarked Dolly presently, pausing with a large strawberry in her right hand, parallel with her left she held Mrs. Pickard's hand tightly, "don't you wish Culverton was here?"

"Umph!" answered Jasper, with a grunt that might mean anything or nothing.

"I do," continued Dolly. "Because Culverton is so fond of strawberries and cream; and I don't think"—lowering her voice cautiously—"that he gets so very many at the Towers."

"Are my young people here?" cried a voice from without at that moment.

Mrs. Pickard ran out, exclaiming, "The Squire!" and a moment later the hearty voice went on—

"I have brought Lord Culverton to see if you would give him one of your good cheese-cakes."

"Come in, sir; come in, my lord; you are both very welcome!" cried Mrs. Pickard, all in a flutter of delight at such distinguished visitors.

"Oh, I'm here!" said the Squire, as he entered the room. "Culverton has come over for the rest of the day; and I thought we might find you here."

"Yes; we come to see the wasps' nest taken," answered Dolly, looking past her father towards the young owner of Culverton Towers. "And I was just wishing Culverton was here, for the strawberries are so good; wasn't I, Mrs. Pickard?"

"Mrs. Pickard spoils you," said the Squire, picking Dolly and her strawberries bodily out of the large chair and setting her on his knee; "and as for that big husband of hers, I don't know what I shall not have to do with him one of these days. I believe Mrs. Pickard is worse than he is though."

"Could she be spoilt?" said the farmer's wife in an undertone.

The Squire rested his cheek against his little daughter's golden hair and made no reply, though perhaps his silence was sufficiently eloquent.

"I think," put in the young Earl, speaking for the first time, in a clear high-bred voice, "that Mrs. Pickard spoils every one—you most of all, Squire. Why, she actually lets you come into the parlor instead of marching you off into the drawing-room and making you thoroughly uncomfortable, as they do at Culverton."

"That's right, Culverton," said Dolly eagerly. "You always know what to say;" and then she leaned her head back against her father's shoulder with a contented sigh, and closed her eyes.

"You are over-tired, Dolly," said the Squire, glancing uneasily at the weary little face. "You should not run about so much in the hot sun, my pet."

"I don't think it's that, Squire," put in Mrs. Pickard; "but she had a sad fall this afternoon."

"A fall! How? Where?"

"But I didn't cry," asserted Dolly, opening her blue eyes again.

"Well, it was in this way," volunteered Jasper. "I came in here quite by accident, and found William just going to take the wasps' nest for your grub. I knew Dolly would be horribly disappointed if she didn't see it, because she missed the last one, you know; so I said, if they'd wait five minutes, I'd run home and fetch her. Well, she had hold of my hand, and we'd run all the way through the village, so perhaps she was rather tired; but, at all events, just as we turned in at the fold-yard she slipped, among the rubble and down she came. And, don't you see, father, she had hold of my hand, and we were running full speed, and I dragged her over so far before I could stop myself."

"But I didn't cry," supplemented Dolly, with infinite pride in the assertion, "though I've hurt both my knees. But William Pickard says I sha'nt be any the worse—it won't mark me."

The Squire hust out laughing, and quite forgot to rebuke Jasper for not taking better care of his sister. At that moment the farmer himself entered.

"Good afternoon, Squire," he said. "Glad to see you, my lord. You'll have heard o' Miss Dolly's mishap?"

"Yes," answered the Squire, hugging Dolly a trifle closer.

"Ay, she came down like a sack o' potatoes; an' I doubt she'll have cut her little knees a'most to t' bone; but she's made o' the real old English stuff, Squire."

"For I didn't cry at all," said Dolly triumphantly.

"That she didn't!" continued the farmer, looking at her admiringly. "I've just sent the grub up to the house, Squire."

"Oh, thanks, very much!" returned the Squire. "And that reminds me that I have very little time to spare. Are you young folk going back with me?"

"I'm going down to Jackson's with William, father," answered Jasper.

Jasper had been privileged to call the farmer by his Christian name from early childhood—just as his father did.

"I think you'd better go back with me, Dolly," said the Squire; "you've done enough to-day."

"Very well," answered Dolly placidly.

"Then, Culverton, you'll go with us?" asked Jasper. "We're going down to Jackson's to see the bull-pups."

"Oh, I don't care a deal about bull-pups!" answered Culverton. "I think I'll go back with—the Squire, if you don't mind?"

He was going to say "Dolly," but altered it to "the Squire," flushing crimson all over his dark face as he met his hostess's expressive eye.

"All right," returned Jasper indifferently—he was accustomed to rank second in Culverton's estimation, and took Culverton's preference for his sister's society as a matter of course.—"I shall be in by tea-time. At what time is tea, Dolly?"

"At 6. We're to have high-tea with mother to-night," replied Dolly.

"You couldn't spare five minutes, could you, Squire?" asked William Pickard when the visitors had reached the door.

"Yes, I can. What is it?"

"Well, sir, the bay mare seems uneasy of her foot," he answered—"off fore foot; an' I doubt you'll tell better than the vet. from Boroughbridge. I 'ad him this morning, but he seems to me n'most fool."

"You two be walking on, and I'll catch you up," said the Squire. "Take care of her over the stones, Culverton."

"Yes, I'll take care. Good-bye, Mrs. Pickard," said the young Earl, taking Dolly's hand with the protecting air fifteen has to ten.

Jasper had gone on to the stable long before, and the three stood and watched the dark-faced Earl and the golden-haired child out of sight.

"They'll make a grand pair, Squire," said the farmer at last.

The Squire laughed, and something like tears came into his eyes. It was wonderful how the man loved his children. It was a love only surpassed by that which he had for his wife.

"A sad fall it was," the farmer went on; "but we couldn't help laughing at 'er; for, when Annie came down wi' a clean towel to wipe her knees after missis 'ad bathed 'em, she says, 'Why, what's come to Miss Dolly?' And missis, she just looked down at 'er knees an' she says, 'I've barked my knees!' Eh, bless 'er; it's a pity there ain't a few more like 'er!" concluded the farmer with the blissful disregard for the letter "h" which the genuine Yorkshireman displays.

"Would you like some sweets, Dolly?" asked Culverton, as they passed the one little general shop which the village boasted. "I believe she 's got a new lot in."

"I believe she has," answered Dolly, looking up at the tall glass jars of gay-colored sweets.

"Come along then," said Culverton, opening the door. "How d'you do to-day, Miss Jones?"—to the little smiffy old woman whom they found within. "Miss Nugent wants some sweets."

"Miss Dolly hain't to a' neids nohow," returned the smiffy old woman point-blank. "Mistress, she 'ommot 'ev 'er, she did; an' she said as 'ow I warn't to give Miss Dolly no neids; for 'er teeth that was pretty as they was too good to spoil."

"Then give her some that are not acid," said the young Earl, with a laugh—"toffee, or something like that."

"Why, my lord, I ev'nt got no toffee," replied Miss Jones. "I've some Doncaster butter-scotch. I hay there's no neids i' that, there isn't!"

"All right."

"It's a pecket," announced Miss Jones. "Sixpence a pecket."

"Give me four of them," said Culverton, producing the money. "Oh, never mind paper. I'll put them in my pockets."

"There's some things going on t' t' House," she said. "You'd best let me send 'em."

"No, thanks! Good afternoon."

The old woman went out to the door to look after them, muttering indignantly to herself at the young Earl's new name for Miss Dolly.

"Miss Nugent indeed!" she repeated. "Coming in ta me what's knowan t' Nugents for seventy year coom Martelmas, an' a talking about 'is 'Miss Nugent.' I lay t' Squire'll be a long while afore he calls her 'Miss Nugent,' he will. Ay, just like 'is I talian mother, as Lord Culverton would 'ev, instead of marrying a real Nugent, while he 'ad t' chance! Well, well, a'll none call 'er 'Miss Nugent.' She'll be naught but 'Miss Dolly' to me, bless 'er, till she goes to Culverton Royal for good. I doubt 'e'll 'ev sense enough for that, though. I doubt he won't a' gotten a vast o' sense from 'er." That indignant "'er" meant the Countess of Culverton.

Meanwhile Culverton and Dolly went on their way in blissful ignorance of the storm which had been raised in Miss Jones's breast.

"There's Mrs. Carruthers," remarked Dolly, as they approached the Vicarage wall, "and a lady."

Culverton looked up and lifted his hat, stopping as the Vicar's wife leant over the wall and asked Dolly what mischief she had been after.

"To get Mr. William Pickard take the wasps' nest," answered Dolly, showing all her white teeth.

"And to eat some of Mrs. Pickard's good things too, I suppose," laughed Mrs. Carruthers. "Well, will you and Jasper come in to-morrow afternoon and have tea here?"

The young Carruthereses of Loam are coming, and some of the Beauvilles from Low Ella."

"Oh, thank you very much!" answered Dolly. "I'll tell mother when we go in."

"I was just going to write a note," continued Mrs. Carruthers. "However I need not do so now. Lord Culverton, if you will come too, we shall be very glad to see you."

"I shall be delighted," said Culverton immediately.

Then, with a ringing "good-bye" from Dolly and another uplifting of the young Earl's hat, the pair passed down the corner and went up the road leading to the House.

"No worse for running wild, you see," said the Vicar's wife to her friend.

"No; a charming little creature," replied the other. "Is that Joy the owner of the place you pointed out to me this morning?"

"Yes, Culverton Towers. We passed through the village—Culverton Royal. Dolly will make a lovely Countess."

"Is it already settled?"

"Oh, yes! Culverton worships her—indeed, has always done so, almost from the time they were mere babies—not that they are much more than that now."

The subjects of their conversation had reached the side-door leading into the House gardens.

"Here's the toffee, Dolly."

Instead of taking the packets, Dolly threw her arms round the boy.

"Bertie, I do love you," she cried.

"For the toffee?" he asked loftily.

"No, not for the toffee—for your very own self," she answered.

"Better than Jasper?" he asked jealously.

She looked up the road and down the road, at a sparrow hopping on the edge opposite, at the packets of toffee in Culverton's hands—anywhere, everywhere except at Culverton's dark face or Culverton's gray eyes, the only Culverton feature he possessed.

"Jasper has so many people to love him," she said at last, almost apologetically, "and you——"

"Have none," he ended bitterly for a boy of his age—only fifteen.

"But you have me," objected Dolly. "You don't know how I love you, Bertie!"

His eyes brightened at the sound of his name, never heard save from her lips; and he put one more question.

"And will you always like me best?"

"Of course," returned Dolly, raising an innocent rose-bud mouth to be kissed.

The young Earl bent down and kissed her, almost with a sigh. He had some glimmerings of what would come in the future—she had none.

Dolly opened the door and led the way to the side-entrance of the mansion. The door stood wide open and showed a broad passage paved with black and white marble, in a large lozenge-like pattern. There was a very old table of black oak, and there were two high-backed chairs, a rack for whips, a stand for umbrellas, a rough coat of Jasper's, and a cloak of Dolly's. On the table was a small silver salver, containing one or two cards; and on a tray was a slice of bread and honey having one great bite in it, which Dolly had been disposing of when Jasper's imperious summons called her to go to farmer Pickard's. At the sight of it, Culverton laughed and began an insulting nursery rhyme about a song of six-pence and a pocketful of rye. But sweet-tempered Dolly took it in good part and volunteered a voluble explanation.

"You see, it was this way, Bertie," she said eagerly. "Mother was out, and Jasper was away all the afternoon, and I got so hungry—for I'd nothing else to do—nothing at all; so I went to cook, and she hadn't a cake in the place—she was just going to make some—so she gave me a slice of bread and honey, of which I had just taken one bite when Jasper called me; and I had it down and never gave it another thought. Oh dear, I don't think I can eat it now, for I had such a lot of Mrs. Pickard's cheese-cakes!" she ended dismally.

"And if cook sees it," laughed Culverton, "she won't give you anything the next time you tell her you are so hungry."

"I don't suppose she will," returned Dolly. "I say, Bertie, I wish you'd help me with it. I could eat a bit of it."

"I'm not hungry," answered the boy gravely; "but between us we might manage it. Now, if Jasper were here he'd gobble it up in a moment."

"But it wouldn't be of the least use to save it, for he won't be in till tea-time, and there will be omelette, and Jasper won't look at anything else."

"Well, then, here goes," cried the boy. He took a huge bite, after which Dolly took a small one, and the slice soon disappeared.

"Thank you, Culverton," said Dolly gratefully, as if a great pressed had been lifted off her mind.

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BLACKBIRDS USED FOR FOOD.

The Trade in Them Increasing Despite Their Bad Reputation as Feeders.

There is a large trade in Philadelphia in blackbirds. Some years ago, when it first began, very few birds were sold; but the restaurants and private families found out that the birds could be made tender and palatable by parboiling them and then baking them in a pie, and now dozens of bunches of blackbirds, twelve in a bunch, are sold at the very best game depots. The trade continues from April, when the birds come back from the South, until early November, when they leave this latitude; and all the season through there is one unvarying price demanded for this sort of game, viz.: twenty-five cents per "bunch" of twelve birds. The birds are shot by farmers' boys and other sportsmen. As the birds fly to their feeding grounds in the morning and back to their "roosts" in the woods at sundown, and their line of flight is straight, the gunners can fire volleys into their fluttering flocks whenever they come within range while crossing the country. At early morning and an hour or two before the sun sets, the swamp and crow-blackbirds, two very different species, seem less wary and feed in the ploughed furrows in the field, or along the banks of creeks and rivers, where worms and fresh water shellfish abound; then the volleys of No. 6 shot decimate their ranks.

Theoretically their is no reason why the flesh of blackbirds should not be used for food. They feed on cherries, currants, fruit, grain and worms, just as reed-birds, doves, wild pigeons and plenty of other palatable game birds do. Blackbirds don't eat carrion although they are polygamous, do n't mate, and lay their eggs in the nests of other birds, they are not otherwise different from other species. They are noisy, cheeky and great pests of the farmers who have cherry orchards or graperies, and those who know blackbirds best will eat it down as an heroic duty that if they can steal ripe cherries they will not touch any other kind of food. No country people eat blackbirds any more than they eat crows. They look upon both warblers with about the same sort of feelings. There is a tradition in the neighboring counties that blackbirds eat carrion, but it is not true, though their flesh is rank enough before being parboiled. A blackbird roost, that is, a place where hundreds or thousands of the sable-feathered pests flock and scream at night, is regarded by those of the soil as a local misfortune, as it often happens that a dozen farmers, with their sons and hired hands, all armed with guns, will lie in ambush evening after evening, for several days, in order to shoot the birds as they fly in small black clouds at night to a harboring place of this sort.

Locomotive Engineers.

It is stated that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which was organized twelve years ago and now has a membership of 15,000, has distributed among the needy, the sick and the injured of its flock the magnificent sum of $467,000. This is indeed a most creditable showing. The men who have done this are the present and coming locomotive engineers of this country. They are illustrations of the truth that the two qualities—bravery and benevolence—go hand in hand. No man who is a coward ever gets to be a locomotive engineer, and hence engineers and their firemen are always benevolent and brave. To such men can those who travel entrust their lives, feeling certain that no accident will happen as the result of their neglect of duty. No class of men in the world realize more thoroughly the responsibilities of their employment than do the locomotive engineers and firemen. —[Railway Magazine.

TAKE HEED.

BY OATH BEITTLE.

Foot-sore, hungry, and out of heart,
A fox and wolf were wearily trotting,
Devising plans to gain a meal
At little cost of time in plotting.

Anon they spied a mule, who stood
Out in the meadow calmly thinking,
His long ears flapping to and fro,
His sleepy eyes serenely blinking.

"Ha!" whispered Fox, a tricky elf,
"Dear brother Wolf, as I'm a sinner,
Here's just what we most sorely need;
Here's meat for many a hearty dinner."

"What beast it is," said brother Wolf,
"I fain would learn ere we assail him."
Said brother Fox, "Your hint is good:
Suppose you march right up and hail him."

"Friend with the waving ears," said Wolf,
"We strangers both are glad to greet you.
I'm Wolf, he's Fox. What is your name?
It is an honor, sir, to meet you."

"My name," said Mule, "is graven deep
Upon my hinder hoof—the near one;
You'll laugh when you have spelled it out,
For it is such a very queer one."

Wolf trotted gayly to the rear.
Mule raised his foot—to save him trouble—
Then let it drive. Full ten feet off
Poor Wolf lay lifeless on the stubble.

MORAL.

Take not the cunning man's advice;
A tricky friend you'll always find him.
And when you interview a mule,
For safety's sake don't stand behind him.

—[Harper's Young People.

The Uses of an Enemy.

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY, - - JULY 2, 1886.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS,
THOMAS COLLINS,

FOR ASSEMBLY:
DANIEL McLAUGHLIN, Johnstown.
JOHN S. RHEY, Ebensburg.

FOR PROTHONOTARY:
H. A. SHOEMAKER, Ebensburg.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER:
CELESTINE J. BLAIR, Ebensburg.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
H. G. ROSE, Johnstown.

FOR POOR HOUSE DIRECTOR:
JACOB SHAFER, Allegheny Twp

HON WILLIAM A. PORTER, of Philadelphia, who was a son of ex-Governor David A. Porter, of this State, died suddenly on last Monday evening while walking near his residence. He was at one time Sheriff of Philadelphia and also held the office of City Solicitor and other municipal trusts. In 1858 he was made one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State. He was a sound lawyer and a man of the very highest character, admired and respected by all who knew him

THE nailers strike at Pittsburgh was ended on Friday last, the men agreeing to go to work at substantially the same wages offered them a year ago, and refused. The strike has lasted thirteen months and 3,500 persons were directly and indirectly engaged in it, including 1,200 nailers who commanded very high prices. Estimating the wages of all the strikers at the moderate figure of two dollars a day, we have over two and a half million of dollars as the cost of the strike to the working men alone. When will workingmen and their employers learn to arbitrate their differences?

THE politicians did not like President Lincoln. They would have pushed him aside at the end of his first term if it had lain in their power. The barrier in the way was the confidence reposed in him by the sovereign people. The situation at this time is not dissimilar. President Cleveland has not pleased the politicians, either of his own party or of the opposition; but every day it becomes more and more manifest that the people—both the Democrats who took him on trust and the Republicans who distrust him—are behind him and backing him. His sturdy honesty pleases them. The wiser politicians, seeing the drift of the popular current, are beginning to hedge.

THE Parliamentary elections in England began yesterday in the boroughs and will commence in the counties on Monday next. The last day on which an election can be held will be on the 28 of this month. Elections in that country are not all held upon the same day, as in the case of our Presidential election. It will be a life and death struggle between Torylam and undying hatred of Ireland on the one hand, and the liberal policy of Gladstone toward that unfortunate and misgoverned country on the other. While human foresight cannot discount the result every friend of Ireland on this side of the water will hopefully wait to hear that the cause of right and justice has triumphed.

THE FITZ JOHN PORTER bill passed the Senate on Friday last by a vote of 30 yeas, to 17 nays, twenty-four Senators being paired, which means that 12 of the number would have voted for the bill and 12 against it. Six Republicans voted for the bill, viz: Cameron, of Pennsylvania, Hoar, of Massachusetts, Jones, of Nevada, Mitchell, of Oregon, Riddleberger, of Virginia and Sewell, of New Jersey. The bill passed the House in February and now goes to the President who will of course sign it. John A. Logan carried out his malignant opposition to the passage of the bill up to the last moment, and before the final vote was taken spit out his venom in a bitter bloody shirt speech against it. The country will remember the patriotic and independent action of the six Republican Senators who voted for the bill. As the Philadelphia *Times* says, "They dared to be just in disregard of the dregs of partisan passion, and they honored the government as they honored themselves in manly justice to a gallant soldier.

IT is thought at Washington that Congress will adjourn finally about the middle of July, but from a few remarks made one day last week by Mr. Cleveland it is doubtful if such will be the case. It is during the expiring hours of the session that the most objectionable measures are rushed through and sent to the President under the belief that he will approve them. Mr. Cleveland, however, is determined not to follow a bad precedent and has informed prominent members of Congress that he must have time to consider the bills sent to him, and that the two houses need not expect to send him long bills, appropriating large sums of money, within a day or two of adjournment, expecting that he will approve them blindly. The Rivers and harbor bill is a "long bill," and in the shape in which it passed the House appropriated about *fifteen* millions of dollars. The Senate by its amendments to the bill has swelled the aggregate amount to over *eighteen* millions, which is about the same sum appropriated by the memorable bill of 1882, which President Arthur promptly retired and which was just as promptly passed over his veto by the necessary two thirds vote in each house. No same man believes that Mr. Cleveland will sign the present bill in the shape in which it will be laid before him, and if he takes the necessary time to carefully go through its details in order to enable him to present overwhelming reasons why it never should become a law, the people of the whole union without respect to party will sustain him. There will be no money taken out of the treasury without good and sufficient reasons if he can prevent it.

HON. DAVID DAVIS died at his residence in Bloomington, Illinois, on Saturday last, in the seventy-second year of his age. The immediate cause of his death was erysipelas, the outcome of a malignant carbuncle which first appeared last April. He was born in Cecil county, Maryland, in 1815, graduated at Kenyon college, Ohio, settled as a lawyer at Bloomington in 1835, was a Circuit Judge in Illinois from 1848 to 1862 when he was appointed by Mr. Lincoln an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, which position he resigned in the Spring of 1877 to accept that of United States Senator to which he had been elected over John A. Logan by a combination of Democrats and Independent Republicans. Just before he was elected Senator it was regarded as certain at Washington that he would be selected as one of the Supreme Court Justices on the Electoral Commission and in that event it is equally certain that the decision of the commission would have been 8 to 7 in favor of the election of Samuel J. Tilden as President, and not 8 to 7 in favor of R. B. Hayes as it turned out to be. While in the Senate Mr. Davis acted independently of both parties and in 1881 he was elected President pro tem of that body. By the succession of Vice President Arthur to the vacancy created by Mr. Garfield's death, Mr. Davis became acting Vice President. Upon the expiration of his term in the Senate he returned to Illinois and had since lived in retirement. He was a warm personal friend of Mr. Lincoln and acted as one of the executors in settling up his estate. He was not an orator, but was regarded as an honest and capable judge. He was posessed of great wealth and leaves a son and daughter by his first wife.

THE New York *Sun* says: It is not the least of Ireland's misfortunes that she is poor. Yet, oppressed as she is by poverty, with her financial strength drained away by her enemies, her industries stifled, and the spirit of her people weighed down by want and injustice, she now confronts one of the most tremendous crises in her history. So great is her stake in the event that out of her very weakness she must bring forth strength. Hers is the cry of a mother to her famished children to stifle their hunger and gird themselves for one more effort in her and their defence. How pitifully weak seem her means as compared with the mighty forces opposed to her! Her righteous cause has indeed raised up for her a valiant champion even in the midst of her enemies, but like Ivanhoe spurring desperately to the rescue of the friendless Rebecca, this champion has not now his wonted strength of arm. He enters the battle with a cry of defiance, and with a stoutness of heart that challenges the admiration of the world, but with every advantage against him.

Can anybody in our free land look on at this dramatic spectacle unmoved? Can anybody bear to behold this gallant champion overthrown, and this friendless nation trodden under the iron heel?

If ever Ireland needed money, now is the time. If anybody has a dollar to devote to the cause of liberty and justice, here is the opportunity to expend it. Let it not be said that because of her poverty Ireland was forced to wear chains.

THE action of the Republican State Convention which met at Harrisburg, on Wednesday last, was mere a matter of form than of substance, and was simply a ratification of the prearranged programme of Matthew S. Quay, now the acknowledged Republican boss in State politics. "Quay's ticket," as it was called, was known in advance all over the State, and with the single exception of Congressman-at-large it was endorsed with promptness and servility by the Convention. William B. Roberts, of Crawford county, was Quay's candidate for that position, not because he possesses any merit of his own, but because he is wealthy and had promised to contribute liberally to the Republican campaign fund, a consideration which is always paramount with a political leader of the Quay stripe. The ticket nominated is as follows: Gen. James A. Beaver, of Centre county, for Governor; William T. Davies, of Bradford county, for Lieutenant Governor; A. Wilson Norris, of Philadelphia, for Auditor General; Thomas A. Stewart, of Montgomery county, for Secretary of Internal Affairs and E. S. Osborne, of Luzerne county, for Congressman-at large, to which position he was elected two years ago. The platform adopted by the Convention is fearfully and wonderfully made, but we have neither space nor time to refer to its sins of commission or omission. George H. Imes, the colored school teacher of Dauphin county, who nominated himself some time ago in the newspapers for Lieutenant Governor, received just one vote in the Convention. "'Tis ever thus," etc.

THE President of the United States ought not to be subjected to the drudgery of examining and passing upon innumerable private pension bills. By a constantly growing abuse the President is made a court of appeals in these private pension claims. It is the carelessness of Congress which imposes on him a task that seriously interferes with more important executive duties. While Congress gives no consideration to these bills, passing them in batches on Friday afternoons, often when not a score of members are in the House, the President cannot escape the obligation of examining each case. He may employ a Secretary to sift out the facts, but the responsibility of final consideration belongs to him. In the last list of claims which the President was constrained to veto was a bill to pension James Butler, who fell into a cellar and broke his leg before he entered the military service of the Government. Another of the vetoed bills was for a pension to Alfred Denny, who alleged that he was "injured by being thrown forward on the horn of his saddle." These are but samples. Notwithstanding the industry of President Cleveland he has been obliged to let not less than sixty of these bills become laws for want of time to examine them. Congress ought to relieve the President from this drudgery.

Welcome the Issue.

When public representatives in legislative bodies grow negligent in the discharge of their duties, and give easy indulgence to jobs which individual members bring up, there is urgent necessity to fall back upon the veto power of the executive for the proper protection of public interests. As a rule, executive officers in this country have been sparing of the use of this power, fearing to seem to usurp the legislative function, and to substitute their own judgment for that of the legislators entrusted with the power and responsibility of making laws. The result has been an alarming increase in enactments of every kind, especially those of a local and special character; and a strengthening of the tendency to run to legislatures and to Congress for help of every sort.

The worse abuse of this kind has been in the pension business. The most liberal laws and the loosest interpretation of them have not sufficed to satisfy the rapacity of claimants; and the calendars of Congress are loaded with this class of bills, for cases which the scrutiny of the department and its vast machinery for investigation have failed to approve.—Congressmen give no sincere attention to these bills. A committee may look into them, but as a rule they are passed for favor by log-rolling. Presidents heretofore have signed them as a matter of course. At last we have one who will not.

Mr. Cleveland long ago proclaimed that public office was a public trust. He showed his sincerity in this belief when he was mayor of Buffalo. His ringing veto of a bounty bill passed by the city councils attracted attention to him as a candidate for governor. As executive of the state he kept up his record. His vetoes were the distinguishing feature of his administration. They exposed him to the sharpest criticism and were the subject of the greatest laudation.—They were bound up in a volume which became a campaign text book, and chiefly upon that issue he was elected president. His own strong personality, fitness and courage were the greatest aids to his party in the campaign. He displays these again in his intelligent inspection of the pension bills, his fearless resistance of the buncombe spirit which passed them and his resolute disapproval of them. But he accompanies his vetoes with reasons which the people of the country will read, and which they will, as a whole, approve. Gen. Logan is said to have welcomed as a great national issue of his party the president's veto of a bill to pension a man who fell down the cellar steps while home on a furlough. He has now got another issue in the veto of a bill to pension a fellow who had the measles in the army and fifteen years afterward made the circumstance ground for a pension. We welcome all such issues. The time has come for a safe appeal from all this bogus patriotism to the intelligence of the country.—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

Rather Effective Sneering.

Of course party feeling and individual position may cause different views of the subject; but the general opinion is likely to be that Mr. Bayne boiled over and made a mess of it when he attacked the President so furiously for his vetoes of the small pension jobs. Contrasting the fury of Mr. Bayne's speech with the plain and curt statements of the President's reasons for the vetoes, contained in his short messages, it is likely to create the impression that Mr. Bayne was very hard up for material to raise a partisan outcry over.

It is rather funny to hear Mr. Bayne declaring "this man has the temerity to sneer at the reports of the committee of this House. He has the temerity to put the seal of his sarcasm upon reports granting pensions to the widows of men killed in battle." With regard to the first assertion, it looks as if it did not require much temerity for a man, who is in his own person a co-ordinate branch of the Government, to sneer at the reports of a committee which he has caught in some very bad slips. Indeed the most effective "sneers" in which the President indulges himself is the brief statement of such facts as that the committee in question has recommended a pension for a disbility which the record shows to have existed before enlistment or in another case for disability produced by a debauchery of a kind in nowise required by the military service. When the President is able to show some sixty odd cases, in some of which the claim of disability contracted in the service is a notorious humbug, and in others it is by no means proved, the "sneer" contained in stating the facts will be appreciated by the public at large. As to the assertion of the sarcasm in the case of men killed in battle, that seems a rather unwarranted flight of Mr. Bayne's oratory, in the absence of any veto from the President where such a death was proved.

Liberality to the soldiers of the late war does not by any means require that all the humbugs shall get special pensions. That the President has taken the trouble to examine the circumstances and expose an average of about one humbug out of every ten special pension bills, is not to his discredit. But it is to the discredit of the system that the time of either the President or Congress should be occupied with such jobs.—*Pittsburgh Dispatch, Rep.*

Wolfe And the Democrats.

Some of the Republican newspapers and politicians who are more apprehensive than they are willing to confess of Wolfe's candidacy, are trying to drive Republicans away from his support by raising the cry that he is a candidate in the interest of the Democracy and that the latter are nursing the Prohibition movement for their own political purposes. There need not be any misunderstanding or misrepresentation on this subject. The Democrats of Pennsylvania are not Prohibitionists nor for prohibition, and Mr. Wolfe's candidacy—if he become the Prohibition candidate—will be clearly and unmistakably his own, upon an issue with which the Democrats have not and will not profess to have any sympathy. There is no double-dealing nor deceit about them; they are for a proper regulation of the liquor traffic by law and an honest enforcement of these laws.

With the Republicans of Pennsylvania it is different; many of them profess to be for prohibition and in many sections for years they have kept the promise to the ear and broken it to the hope of the anti-liquor people. Now that they must face the issue they want to dodge it, and they raise the cry that the Prohibition party is a Democratic ally. If the Prohibition people are sincere and honest in their purpose to force their principle as a political issue they will not be deceived by the device of their Republican friends. At the same time the Democrats will not try to deceive them. —*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

How the Apaches Live and Ride.

An Apache will ride a horse down, kill the animal, and cut as large a piece of meat out of him as he can conveniently carry, steal a fresh horse and pursue his journey. He will ride the fresh horse until it can carry him no further, and his supply of meat from his last horse is exhausted, and then kill the steed and steal a new one, as before. The Government scouts are Apaches, who are allowed all the ammunition they want. They, of course, stand in with those on the war path, and supply them with cartridges. In this way they are enabled to keep up the war. When the scouts are discharged they return to the reservation and then break out themselves.—*Arizona Messenger.*

A Harmonious Party.

The esteemed *Tribune* seems to be exercised about the want of harmony in the Democratic party. "Turn where one will," says the great Blaine organ, "he discovers a Democratic razor a flying through the air, aimed by a Democrat at a Democrat."

There certainly have been a few trifling domestic misunderstandings in the Democratic family recently. But Mr. Randall disposed of them in a very satisfactory manner yesterday when allusion was made to the fact that his "wing" of the party seemed to have the best of one of these family jars. "Oh, the two wings will be flapping together in harmony pretty soon," was the remark of the ex-Speaker.

Candor compels the confession that we cannot turn about on our Republican friends and twit them with a lack of accord on some matters, at least, at the present time. The Republican Senators are found shoulder to shoulder in entire harmony in opposing Mr. Beck's proposition to prohibit members of Congress from accepting retainers as attorneys for wealthy subsidized railroads which are seeking by every conceivable device to cheat and rob the Government after enjoying large amounts of the people's money and enormous grants of the public lands.

The Republican members of Congress, with very trifling exceptions, are solidly united in favor of allowing the Pacific Railroads, which have been for years evading the law, to make a final settlement with the Government which means a clear gain to them of some $75,000,000 under the Debt Extension bill.

There is no dissension in the harmonious Republican party in relation to its opposition to the just, fair and statesmanlike proposition to impose a graduated tax on incomes of $5,000 or $10,000 a year and upward to meet the expenses of increased pensions for Union soldiers and sailors.

The Republican party is as solid as a rock in favor of unearned subsides to favored steamship lines, and of every proposition to squander the public money on jobs of doubtful constitutionality and undoubted inexpediency.

Touching the matter of Prohibition, Blaine's candidacy, Woman Suffrage, Free Trade and the Sunday laws, there is some lack of harmony in the Republican party, but it is fair to presume that the *Tribune* will be able, as usual, to reconcile all differences before the campaign of 1883 fairly opens.—*N. Y. World.*

Fitz John Porter was one of the most patriotic and aggressive of the young officers of the army in 1861, when the rebellion began. In the early days of the war, when the first call for troops was made, Porter was on the staff of General Winfield Scott, and as such was at Harrisburg with Governor Curtin to aid in organizing and forwarding troops. While he was there and when the troops were coming in rapidly, the Baltimore eruption came, the Gunpowder bridges were burnt and for several days all communication was cut off between the North and Washington. It was declared that no troops could be marched through Baltimore to defend the Capital, and the whole North was appalled at a rebellious city halting the advance of soldiers to protect their government. In a consultation held in Governor Curtin's office, at which General Patterson, Colonel Fitz John Porter, Colonel Thomas A. Scott, Colonel John A. Wright and others were present, the question of forwarding the troops to Washington was the theme of discussion. All seemed to be overwhelmed by the gravity of the situation but Porter. He was then a young soldier, but he had none of the signs of rashness. He had unfaltering courage, however, and his bright black eyes flashed as he spoke of Baltimore interrupting the march of troops. With an earnestness and emphasis that none present ever forgot, he said: "I would march the troops thro' Baltimore or over its ashes to defend the capital." None who then saw Fitz John Porter ever doubted either his loyalty or his grand soldierly qualities, and the testimony now conclusively proves that the very act for which he was condemned was dictated by the most patriotic and soldierly attributes. He is now vindicated by the unanimous and unqualified judgment of a court of inquiry, by two acts of Congress and soon he will again rank in the army roll as one of the noblest and most unjustly condemned soldiers of the Republic.—*Phila. Times.*

That the zeal of Congress to erect new public buildings is not borne of an overweening love of economy is apparent from the fact that the government pays in its rents in Washington the annual sum of $133,401 for buildings that would cost only a trifle above a million of dollars, while the Senate early in the present session appropriated four and a half millions for public buildings in thirty-six towns and cities, in which the aggregate rents paid by the government amounts only to $66,713. Money appropriated to public buildings in Washington, however, will not help to keep Congressmen in their seats, while that spent for the erection of public buildings in the respective Congressional districts may. This is probably the explanation of the zeal of Congressmen for big post-office buildings in country villages and their reluctance to spend money on public buildings in Washington, where public buildings are really needed.

Undigested Food.

In the stomach develops an acid which stings the upper part of the throat and palate, causing "heartburn." It also evolves a gas which produces "wind on the stomach," and a feeling and appearance of distension in that organ after eating. For both this acidity and swelling Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a much better remedy than alkaline salts, like bartshorn and carbonate of soda. A wineglassful of the Bitters, after or before dinner, will be found to act as a reliable carminative or preventive. This fine specific for dyspepsia, both in its acute and chronic form, also prevents and cures malarial fever, constipation, liver complaint, kidney troubles, nervousness and debility. Persons who observe in themselves a decline of vigor should use this fine tonic without delay.

Secretary Manning is rapidly improving at the Hot Springs of Virginia. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Miller, who has just come from that place, says that the Secretary will return at the end of his leave of absence, in October, and, if he chooses, and it is consonant with his plans, his physical condition will permit him to resume his desk at the Treasury. He has suffered no kind of relapse, but from the moment of arriving at the springs he has continued to gain strength.

For Hay Fever.

"Give Ely's Cream Balm a trial. This justly celebrated remedy for the cure of catarrh, hay fever, cold in the head, &c., can be obtained of any reputable druggist, and may be relied upon as a safe and pleasant remedy for the above complaints and will give immediate relief. It is not a liquid, snuff or powder, has no offensive odor and can be used at any time with good results, as thousands can testify, among them some of the attaches of this office."—*Spirit of the Times*, May 29, 1886.

—The ravages of what was supposed to be fly in the wheat fields of Queen Anne's and Kent Counties, Md., are now thought to be due to English sparrows. These voracious little birds have been known to commit serious depredations in wheat fields, and as they have multiplied very rapidly in Maryland in recent years, it is more than probable that they are the authors of the mischief.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—A girl in Richland county, O., killed a big rattlesnake, tanned its skin and made a belt of it.

—The greatest length of Lake Michigan is 300 miles; its greatest breadth, 108 miles; mean depth, 690 feet; elevation, 596 feet; area, 23,000 square miles.

—John W. Mackey, the bonanza king, is thought to be the unknown "Friend of Ireland" who contributed the $5,000 to the Parnell Parliamentary fund recently.

—Stephen Campbell, aged 21 years, living near Tuscola, Ill., shot and killed his brother Harvey on Thursday, of last week, while they were disputing about farm matters.

—The Emperor of China's Eastern summer palace, about forty miles distant from Pekin, which was erected three centuries ago at a cost of $10,000,000, has just been destroyed by fire.

—A Utica genius has invented a farm harness that weighs less than fifteen pounds, and does away with whiffletrees, traces, and many of the cumbersome straps and buckles. Moreover, it is cheap.

—John Newman, aged 117 years, died at his home in Sevier county, Tenn., on Tuesday. He was never more than ten miles from the house in which he was born—the first white child in Tennessee.

—Nathan Hale, the young Revolutionary hero, who was hanged as a spy by the British September 22, 1776, is to have a monument reared to his memory in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, the scene of his perilous mission.

—Mrs. John Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., stepped to the gate to look for her five-year-old boy, and at that moment a runaway horse dashed by. It is thought that she supposed that her boy had been run over, for she fell to the ground dead.

—You are not old, yet your hair is getting thin. Your friends remark it, your wife regrets it. Parker's Hair Balsam will stop this waste, save your hair and restore the original gloss and color. Exceptionally clean, prevents dandruff, a perfect dressing.

—In Union township, Ohio, is a mound eight feet high and sixty feet in circumference, and a party of explorers, under the auspices of the Peabody Museum, are digging in it. They have already found flint knives and arrow heads and many skeletons.

—It is worth remembering that nobody enjoys the nicest surroundings if in bad health. There are miserable people about to-day with one foot in the grave, to whom a bottle of Parker's Tonic would do more good than all the doctors and medicines they have ever used.

—In 1875 Miss Emma Wilson of Rosebud, Ill., married her second cousin, who died, leaving her two children. Then she married another second cousin, the first cousin of her first husband, and he died, leaving one child. Last week she married another second cousin, a brother to her first husband.

—Bring your family into town on the 3rd and to see the celebration. And after showing them through the town take them to John Owens store on High street where you will find any thing they may need in the way of dry goods, dress goods, boots and shoes, groceries and provisions, all sold at the very lowest prices.

—William Kelaher, alias "Reddy," who killed officer Convey at Detroit City, Minn., last week, while resisting arrest, was taken from jail by a large crowd of disguised men, escorted to a neighboring grove, and hung to the limb of a tree. His body was then riddled with bullets. Sheriff Pinney attempted to defend the prisoner, but being a small man he was easily overpowered.

—Twenty-five million people cross the New York-Brooklyn bridge in a year. The receipts from tolls about equal the cost of maintenance and betterments, but there is scarcely anything left to go toward paying interest on the vast cost of the bridge. Yet, when it was projected, the bridge was to be built by a private corporation, which was to be reimbursed by tolls.

—Rattlesnake Jim, of Wooster, O., says that the only reliable cure for the bite of a rattlesnake is turpentine held over the bitten spot, the uncorked mouth down, will draw out the poison, which can be seen as it enters the turpentine in a sort of blue flame. Although he has never been bitten, he has tried this cure on his dogs, always with success.

—How the whirligig of time changes men and things! At the close of the war Parson Brownlow, then Governor of Tennessee, drove his predecessor, Isham G. Harris, out of the country by offering a reward of $6000 for his capture. A few days ago the same Harris, now a Senator from Tennessee, introduced a bill for the relief of the widow of Parson Brownlow, and heartily supports it.

—Mrs. Burchard's parrot was sitting in the open window at Kankakee, Ill., when a hawk swooped down on it. The two fell to the earth and a sharp fight followed, in which the hawk found he had his match.—The parrot as he fought called for help, and Mrs. Burchard came to the rescue of her pet with a potato masher and mashed the hawk. The parrot was none the worse for wear, and said at once. "Polly wants a cracker."

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—De Voe, the meteorologist, speaks thus concerning July: "It will enter with heavy thunder showers, clearing off cool on the 2d. Those who desire to enjoy their fire works had better touch them off on Saturday, the 3d, for on the 5th a cold rain storm is likely to set in, and it will be more comfortable by the fireside than out doors. It will remain cool until the 10th; then it will grow very hot. Farmers should cut their hay or grain on the 9th, 10th and 12. About the 13th very heavy thunder storms will occur over a large portion of the United States, with tornadoes in Michigan and in Georgia."

—John B. Smith of New Britain, Conn., had more apples than he knew what to do with last fall, so he stored 400 barrels in a neighbor's large ice house. In the winter the house was filled with ice, all around the apples, which were solidly frozen. To Mr. Smith's great surprise the fruit, a few days ago, was found to be in perfect condition.—He shipped twenty-five barrels to this city and they sold readily at $3 a barrel. More were called for, and now the whole 400 barrels of hard, fresh, sound Baldwins have been sold at that price, right in the middle of June.

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Allegheny twp., June 11, 1886.

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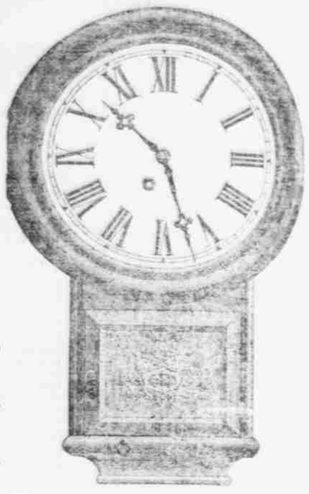

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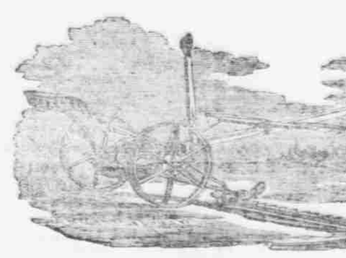

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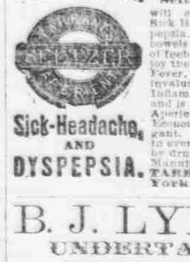

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...number of young men have ...their own town in the last few days ...way to Blair and Huntingdon coun-...they expect to get employment ...lasted time, and get back in time ...in the harvest at home.

...twelve-year-old daughter of ...Sipes, of the Altoona Radical, ...taking along the streets of Altoona ...last week, had a large braid of ...cut off by an unknown man who ...behind her and cut it off, unob-...

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	No. 1 A. M.	No. 2 A. M.	Mixed P. M.
Cresson,	6.50	11.30	4.30
Wildwood,	6.57	11.48	4.50
Dawson,	6.50	11.52	4.54
Amsbry,	7.00	12.05	5.06
Ashville,	7.08	12.12	5.13
Burnt Mills,	7.16	12.20	5.25
Dysarts,	7.20	12.25	5.30
Condron,	7.25	12.30	5.35
Dean,	7.30	12.36	5.41
Fragality,	7.40	12.47	5.54
Fallen Timber,	7.50	12.57	6.06
Flynn City,	8.00	1.10	6.17
Coalport,	8.11	1.21	6.30
Rosebud,	8.14	1.24	
Irvona,	8.20	1.30	

LEAVES SOUTHWARD.

	No. 1 A. M.	No. 2 A. M.	Mixed P. M.
Irvona,	8.20	1.30	
Rosebud,	8.27	1.37	
Coalport,	9.00	2.10	5.14
Flyn City,	9.12	2.22	5.32
Fallen Timber,	9.24	2.34	5.50
Fragality,	9.34	2.44	6.06
Dean,	9.45	2.54	6.22
Condron,	9.50	3.00	6.30
Dysart,	9.55	3.05	6.37
Burnt Mills,	10.00	3.10	6.45
Ashville,	10.08	3.18	7.08
Amsbry,	10.17	3.28	7.18
Dawson,	10.28	3.38	7.32
Wildwood,	10.32	3.42	7.36
Cresson,	10.50	4.00	4.08

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker for your stoves and all kinds of castings.

—The application of Mrs. Christina Foster, formerly of this place, for tavern license at Greensburg was granted by the Court on Monday last

—Mr. Alf. Evans took his departure for Kane, McKean county, on Wednesday afternoon where he has been tendered a situation with the James Brothers merchants of that place.

—Two Indian boys aged about 15 and 16 years escaped from the Indian training school at Carlisle, last week and are supposed to be westward bound. The managers request their detention and will pay the expenses of their arrest.

—In this age of adulterated goods it is a pleasure to find an article that is absolutely pure. Such an article is Dreydoppel's Borax Soap, and the price is so reasonable that there is no excuse for anybody using common adulterated soap.

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—My physician said I could not live. My liver out of order, frequently vomited greenish mucos, skin yellow, small dry tumors on face, stomach would not retain food. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me. Mrs. Adelaide O'Brien, 372 Exchange St., Buffalo, N.Y.

—The family of the late Brigham Young recently celebrated the eighty-fourth anniversary of his birthday. Three hundred persons of both sexes were present, and many members were unable to attend. At this rate the association will soon be compelled to hire a hall in which to hold its reunions.

—No injurious effects can follow the use of Ayer's Ague Cure in the treatment of malarial diseases. It contains, besides a specific and unfailing antidote for miasmatic poison, other remedial agents which unitedly expel the poisonous humors, purify the system, and leave it in a healthy and reinvigorated condition.

—The coal mines in the Clearfield region are all in operation with the exception of Van Dusen's, at Houtzdale; Holt, Chipman & Co.'s., at Philipsburg, and the Atlantic collieries, Osceola. Webster Colliery, No. 2, owned by the Houtzdale Coal Company, was sold during the week to the Berwind-White Coal Company. This mine averages about 15,000 tons a month.

—Mr. Melancthon Evans, formerly of this place but now employed in Altoona, was at work under a car in the company freight shop on Monday forenoon when some one let a heavy bolt fall upon him from above, which struck him a heavy blow on the head, inflicting a serious wound. He was prostrated for a time by the blow, but soon became himself again and was able to return to work in the afternoon.

—At the Republican primary election in Somerset county, held on Saturday last, Ed. Sculi of Somerset was declared to their choice for Congress and J. L. Pugh and Noah S. Miller were nominated for Assembly, F. J. Biesecker, the present incumbent, for District Attorney, Samuel Walker and Oliver Shaver for Associate Judges, Fred. Schmucker for Poor House Director, and W. S. Morgan and Charles C. Shafer for delegates are also nominated.

—We last week received a card from Mr. Thomas Hoover, one of the defeated candidates at the late Democratic primary election for the nomination for Register and Recorder. We mislaid Mr. Hoover's card somewhere and up to the time of going to press have been unable to lay our hands on it. The sum and substance of Mr. Hoover's card, however, was tendering his thanks to his many friends that voted for him, to those, also, that promised and could not, and lastly to those who promised everybody.

—Geo. E. Monahan a fireman on the Pittsburg division of the P. R. R., while descending the eastern slope of the mountain on Monday afternoon, fell from his engine alighting on his head and so close to the track that the front part of his right foot was crushed by the wheels of the train. He was not missed by the engineer who was looking ahead until about a mile distant from where he fell off but was picked up by a track workman and sent to Altoona, on the first passing engine and taken to the hospital.—He is 23 years of age and his condition is critical the left temporal bone being fractured producing concussion of the brain.

—Any of our friends intending to visit New, York, will be pleased to learn that their well known and favorite stopping-place, FRENCH HOTEL, is ready to receive them. The house has been in the hands of of skilled workmen for months, and is completely renovated. Every hall and room has handsome Brussels carpets, and all the furniture is new, and of cherry or mahogany, while innumerable French plate looking glasses adorn the walls in every part of the house. The general dining-room is one of the largest and handsomest in the city, and is, with the private dining-rooms, elaborately furnished. All the sleeping rooms have electric call bells used for awaking guests, without the old fashioned kicking on the door, and ample ventilation. One of the new proprietors, Mr. F. W. Coleman, was for several years manager and part owner, and still owns one-fourth of the Carrolton Hotel, Baltimore, and is the son of the late and far famed Robert B. Coleman of the Astor House. The Hotel is kept on the European Plan, the price or rooms being $1 per day, and the bill of fare is equal to that of any first class hotel in the city, though the prices are very moderate. See the card of the Hotel in another column.

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The Republican Convention.

Pursuant to a call that was not published in the *Herald*, the Republican organ in the north of the county, the Republican primary elections were held on Saturday last. Those who were known to be in accord with the wishes of the bosses were notified by letter to attend, and delegates were chosen or appointed from almost every district in the county. Although everything promised to look lovely, on Monday when the delegates assembled, it was found that

"The best laid plans of mice and men
gang aft agley."

P. M. Brown, the chairman, called the convention to order at Armory Hall, in this place, on Monday last at 1 o'clock, P. M., and in a short speech took upon himself the responsibility and as the immortal "J. N." used to remark, "assumed the pressure" for not giving notice to the northern districts.

Dr. J. C. Luke, of Croyle township, was unanimously elected president of the convention, and John H. Fisher, of Johnstown, and E. G. Kerr, of Ebensburg, were elected secretaries.

Jacob M. Campbell, of Johnstown, was authorized to select conferees that would stand by him as the choice of the Republican party of Cambria county for Congress.

The selection of delegates to the State convention was next on the programme, and the names of John D. Roberts, J. G. West, L. W. Buck, Thomas Monroe, F. H. Barker and Charles C. Merrils were placed in nomination. A ballot was then proceeded with and after several districts had recorded their votes, all being cast for gentlemen from the southern end of the county, Mr. F. H. Barker, who was not a delegate, took the floor and told the convention that they ought to vote for one from each end of the county. Dr. Luke agreed with Mr. Barker and said he would commence again. The roll was again called, and a majority of the delegates who had caught on to Mr. Barker's brilliant idea, voted for Mr. Barker and Mr. Roberts. As the roll of delegates was being called everything moved serenely until the name of Mr. Jonathan Lewis, a delegate from one of the southern districts was called, who, after voting for Barker and Roberts, announced to the convention that his colleague, a gentleman whose name we could not catch, had reached that crisis in which he, as Dean Swift once expressed it, "must either void or burst," and requested a short delay in the proceedings. As soon as the smiling countenance of the relieved delegate appeared in the room Dr. Luke continued the call of the roll and at the end of the ballot the secretaries announced that Messrs. Barker and Roberts were the choice for delegates

Mr. Barker, who, although no delegate, appeared to occupy the same position in the convention that a drum major does to a brass band, moved that the name of Thomas Monroe be substituted for delegate instead of his. Mr. Barker's motion was carried.

For Assembly the names of Isaac E. Chandler, of Johnstown, E. James, of Ebensburg and Joseph Masters of Coopersdale, were placed in nomination.

Messrs Chandler and James had been selected some time ago by the bosses, and their nomination it was thought could be shoved through but the malicheuss of Judge Masters, who was bent on being a candidate sadly interfered with their plans. Nothing short of an eloquent appeal in behalf of Mr. Chandler by Burgess Story, of Johnstown, would carry Mr. Chandler through it was thought, and Burgess Story was equal to the occasion. Like Conkling at Chicago, when he led Grant's 306. Burgess Story made the greatest effort of his life in behalf of Mr. Chandler and then quietly subsided. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:

James	52
Masters	59
Chandler	52

And James and Masters were declared the nominees for Assembly.

For Prothonotary, C. H. Loughry, of Coopersdale, was nominated without opposition as was also John H. Brown, for Register and Recorder and Theodore Zimmerman for District Attorney.

For Poor House Director, Simon Kirsh of Barr township, James Sommeryill of Susquehanna township, and Vincent Reig of Carrol towpship, were placed in nomination and a ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

Kirsh	24
Sommerville	38
Reig	14

Mr. Sommerville, although not having a majority of the votes cast was declared to be the nominee, as it was not thought worth while to take another ballot.

For Coroner, Dr. D. W. Evans, of Johnstown was declared with great unanimity to be the choice of the convention.

John H. Fisher, Esq., of Johnstown then remarked that he had some resolutions to offer which he proceeded to read as the delegates filed out of the hall, and when Mr. Fisher got through the convention stood adjourned as he was about the only man left, the balance of the delegates having hurried off to catch the train.

Fourth of July at Gettysburg. A Grand Demonstration on the Field.

The encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the reunion of the Third Army Corps at Gettysburg will appropriately occur on the anniversary of the great battle which was waged on the historic ground twenty three years ago. The Pennsylvania Department of the Grand Army of the Republic encamps on the field from July 2d to 7th, and on the 3d and 4th the reunion of the Third Army Corps will be held. During the entire week ceremonies of the most interesting character will be held every day, which will be participated in by the veterans of the fight. It is expected that from five to seven thousand members of the Grand Army of the Republic will be present, including many officers who were engaged in the fight. Generals Sickels, Fitzhugh Lee, and Longstreet have accepted invitations to be present and to speak. The meeting will undoubtedly be one of the most imposing demonstrations of modern times, and will be worthy of the presence of every American citizen. To those who desire to get all the points of the battle no better opportunity will ever present itself, for in addition to the number of soldiers who were present during the fight there will be a large number of experienced guides who will point out to visitors every spot of interest and give all the information possible as to the events of the memorable days of the battle. For the benefit of the large number of visitors who will be drawn to Gettysburg the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all principal stations on its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie on June 30th, July 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th, good to return until the 10th inclusive, at one fare for the round trip.

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Educational Information.

Items of interest from district reports Districts named in the order in which reports were received.

Cambria Twp.—Rec'd June 7th. No. of schools 8. Term 5 months. Pupils in district 264. Per cent. of attendance 79. Cost of each pupil per mo. $1.02. Rec'd from the State $289. Built a new school house at cost of $741.54. Average wages per mo. $25. Resources $444.55. Value of school property $5000.

Chest Twp.—Rec'd June 8th. No. of schools 4. Pupils enrolled 182. Per cent. of attendance 76. Cost of each pupil per mo. $0.73. Appropriation $107.31. Term 5 mos. Will build a new house this year. Bal. on hand $205.17.

U. Yoder—Report rec'd June 9th. No. of schools 6; pupils attending 212. Averags per cent. of attendance 83. Cost per mo. for each pupil $0.80. Appropriation $134.40. Built a new house at a cost of $511.50. Liabilities $742.83. Average wages paid $26.50 Value of school property $3000.

Gallitzin Bor.—Report received June 11th. Schools in operation 5; pupils attending 393. Per cent. of attendance 81. Cost of each pupil per mo. $0.51. Appropriation $247.58. Term 6 months. Average salaries paid per mo. $30. Liabilities $44.92. Value of property $1,800.

Tunnelhill—Report received June 15th. No. of schools 2; pupils enrolled 94. Average per cent. of attendance 71. Cost per erage per cent. of attendance 71 Cost per each pupil per mo. $0.45. State appropriation $104.13. Average wages paid per mo. $20. Built a two roomed building with good furniture during the year. Value of property $1200. Term 5 months.

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Con. Bor.—Report rec'd June 15th. No. of schools in borough 8; pupils enrolled 389. Average per cent. of attendance 91. Cost per pupil each mo. $1.11. Appropriation rec'd $902.46. Average salaries paid $60.75. Liabilities $182.80. Value of school property $2800.

Richland—Filed June 18th. Pupils attending in district 294. No. schools 8; cost of each pupil per mo. $0.86. Per cent. of attendance 82. Appropriation $202.80. Average salaries $30 per mo. Resources $182.75. Value of property, $4000.

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South Fork—(Ind.) Report rec'd June 26th. No. schools 2; pupils enrolled 147. Term 6 mo. Average per cent. of attendance 78. Cost per mo. of each pupil $0.44. Average wages paid per mo. $32.50. State appropriation $104.78. Resources over liabilities $132 46. Value of school property $400. By the number of pupils enrolled an additional room is needed.

Loretto—Report rec'd June 26th. Schools in district 2; pupils enrolled 108. Average per cent. of attendance 80. Cost of each pupil per mo. $0.71 Appropriation $90.41. Average wages paid per mo. $33. Cash on hand $238.65. Value of school property $3000. Term 5 months.

Millville—Report rec'd June 26th. No. of schools 12; pupils enrolled 572. Term 6 mo. Cost per mo. of each pupil $1 44. Per cent. of attendance 92. Appropriation $474.-02 Paid principal wages per mo. Other teachers $19 50. Liabilities $3424.84. Value of school property $12500.

—A man named Joseph Dashnor a native of Donnersdorf, Germany, who had been in this country only fourteen days was struck by a pusher on the P. R. R. near Sonman, about four o'clock in the morning on Wednesday last. His left leg was run over and so badly injured that it was afterwards amputated below the knee and he was slightly scratched about the head and one of his arms badly bruised but not seriously. He is about 38 years of age, a carpenter by trade and has a wife and children in Germany.—He with two companions were walking westward on the track when struck. The injured man was removed to the almshouse on Wednesday afternoon.

—A young Hungarian woman the wife of John Tokats was struck by the Limited Express at Johnstown on Tuesday morning and instantly killed. The woman was walking across the Iron Bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad when the whistle of the approaching train was sounded and becoming bewildered stepped from the north to the south track immediately in front of the flying train. She was thrown up in the air and fell to the track of the Cambria Iron company's railroad twenty or thirty feet below the bridge. Death must have been instantaneous as when picked up there was a terrible wound in the head, her neck and one leg was broken, and the body covered with bruises. She leaves a husband to whom she had been married about fifteen months and a child about five month old.

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The closing exercises of the Ebensburg Normal School will be held in Armory Hall, Friday evening, July 2nd. The following named members of the school will take part in the leading exercises: Essays; Emma Given, Annie McGinnis, Mary Dougherty, Amanda C. Criste. Orations; Wm. Davis, R. H. Biter, John H. Wachob. Recitations; Ella Byrne, Minnie Poling Harriet Bradley.

Prof. Morton will have charge of the music. He will be assisted by Messrs. Myers and McCaslin. Several musical numbers consisting of solos, quartetts and choruses will be rendered by the school.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court during the week ended Wednesday June 30, 1886:

Andy Donahoe and Martha Jane Smeltzer, Washington township.

Frank Reese, Blacklick township and Ellen J. Donahoe, Jackson township.

James C. Nearhood, Bald Eagle, Blair county and Sarah Rose, Blacklick township.

William G. McGinnes and Annie Sager, Gallitzin township.

Albert E. Bender, Ebensburg and Ellen Dunegan St. Augustine.

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Fourth of July Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad.

In pursuance of its usual custom the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets between all principal stations on its owned, operated, and leased lines, on July 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th,

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Onions are most profitable if bunched and sold when half grown or less.

Keep tomatoes tied up to their trellies and cut away superfluous shoots.

Those who would raise fine specimens of fruit should begin to thin soon after the fruit is set.

Sow cucumbers for pickles in well-manured rows thickly enough to secure a final stand of a plant to each foot.

Market chickens may be pushed to advantage by frequent feeding, besides having a free run, if possible, while they are growing and before they are put up to fatten.

Watch for the currant worm, and as soon as the leaves appear ragged apply white hellebore—a table-spoonful to the pail of water—by means of a syringe,—Repeat in about a week.

The U. S. Postoffice Department has caused the arrest of Harvey S. Waldo, alias "Nature's Incubator Co.," of Quincy, Ill., for fraudulent use of the mails. His victims are many, for his alleged incubator is a fizzle.

This will be a lively month with insects. The curculio attacks the plums soon after the fruit is set. Jarring the trees and catching the fallen insects upon sheets spread upon the ground is the only effective remedy.

This is the great month for weeds, and in destroying them the plants get much needed cultivation. There is often a dry spell this month. It is well to avoid watering as long as possible, but when it must be given apply it conspicuously.

After ducks have passed the delicate stage and have their feathers, they may be given frequent feeds of food to give them rapid growth and size.—The earlier they are sold after they become marketable the greater will be the profit.

If shoots appear upon grape vines where they are not wanted, remove them. If an old vine has been severely pruned, numerous buds will start upon the old wood. These are generally not wanted and should be broken off as soon as they appear.

Ewes with lambs need regular care, that they are not much weakened by the draft upon them, and it is well to increase their grain as the lambs gain in size. Ticks leave the old sheep for the lambs, so that it is well to dip the latter this month before the lambs are weaned.

Much may be done in the way of "anticipated pruning" by going among newly planted trees and rubbing off all the shoots that appear where branches are not wanted. By doing this now, the trouble of sawing off large branches some years later will be avoided.

Beets, carrots, spinach, lettuce, peas and other early crops now afford an abundant supply. Do not forget in the enjoyment of the first sowings to provide for a succession. Sweet corn, beans, peas, beets a number of others may be sown to supply the table later in the season.

Ragweeds are liable to make both milk and butter bitter and unfit for use, and in pastures where they are thick the mowing machine should be set to work about the time they begin to form their seed-spikes to cut them down within a couple of inches of the ground.

Dry earth is the best dust bath for fowls. Coal ashes are good in Winter, but wood ashes should not be used, as they contain potash. If a handful of fine plaster (in proportion of a pound of Persian insect powder to a bushel of plaster) be added to the dust, it will be an advantage.

On the fresh pastures of June the live stock should all be doing well. Work horses need substantial fare, and the less grass the better. Take care that the cows or sheep do not break through into rank clover, for they will eat enough in an hour sometimes to give them bloat or hoove, a malady often quickly fatal.

Ashes are good for cucumbers. They are not only a fertilizer but also repel bugs. It is a question if the ash of the wood consumed in the stoves during the winter can be more profitably disposed of than in the garden and orchard. Buy your soap, save the bother with the "leach," and put the ashes "where they will do the most good."

Grafts that were inserted this Spring and are beginning to grow, should be treated as if they were young trees and brought into proper shape by judicious pruning. If one bud on a graft takes the lead of all the others, stop it by pinching. In short, treat a graft as if it were a young tree planted in the soil, instead of being planted in another tree.

Grape vines are grown in many different ways. A vine planted last fall, or this spring, should bear but a single shoot; if a year older, two shoots may be borne; upon an old vine each shoot usually bears three clusters. If the stem beyond the last cluster is pinched off at two or three leaves the fruit will be larger and finer and the stem stronger.

The dust bath to the fowl is what the wash bowl is to an individual. With the dust bath the hen cleans her body. She uses it also for exercise. When a hen is incubating she comes off as regularly to dust herself as she does to feed, instinct teaching her that it is the best of methods for ridding herself of lice. If the quarters are cleaned of lice the hen will remove them from her body by dusting. It is important, then, to have the material for the dust bath in fine condition.

C. M. Weed, in the *Prairie Farmer*, assures us that the tomato worm, so much feared by many people, is harmless so far as direct injury to man is concerned. Hand picking of the worms is the most effective remedy for garden patches. The moths are easily killed by placing molasses mixed with a little stale beer to which has been added a little fly poison or some similar substance, on boards in various parts of the patch. The moths will eat and die.

In the pursuit of knowledge man never gets on the right track until he finds out that he doesn't know enough to brag about.

THE RATTLESNAKE.

Facts Concerning Two Species of Vile and Poisonous Reptiles.

The rattle consists of a number often twenty or thirty, of dry perchment, or shell-like pieces strung loosely but firmly together, and are shaken by a fore and aft motion of the snake's tail. It sounds very like peas in a dry pod. The seven year locust and some of the grasshoppers make a very similar noise. These rattles are rather brittle and many are broken off and lost. They are produced at different lengths of time, owing to the vigor, health, or food of the bearer. Sometimes two are added in the same year, so the number of rattle does not indicate the age, as is generally supposed. They are like the flowers that bloom in the spring. They have nothing to do with the case.

There is considerable speculation as to just why the rattle is attached to this snake. It can't be for the snake's protection, else the young ones, being most in need of protection, would have the most rattles; whereas it is the adult which has the most. Neither can it be for the purpose of warning man and other animals of its proximity as this is just what his snakeship does not want to have known: besides, there are many other serpents just as venomous which have no such apendage. The copperhead has only a bony tip on its tail. Some writer says it is for the purpose of startling small animals from their hiding places; but the rule is that if an animal is startled when hiding, it only crouches the closer in its crypt. That is a question which will have to go unanswered. At all events, whatever use it is to the snake it is like the cucumber odor of copperheads, it serves a good purpose to man, and when either of the warnings is noticed in the woods it is a pretty safe thing to move out of range.

Rattle and copperheads live in damp, cool places, although fond of basking in sunshine. They feed upon young rabbits, rats, mice and small birds. Their are inclosed in eggs, which have a membrane for a shell. These are hatched in the mother's body, and the little snakes are born alive. These two serpents strike their prey and the poison acts in a very short time—less than a minute. If the victim escapes the first effort of the serpents, they never pursue it. Although fatal to a small animal it is exceedingly doubtful whether it is virulent enough to compass the death of a human being or a large animal. There are so many remedies which always prove successful that the probability is that recovery would take place without their use. To kill, the venom must be introduced into the blood. It can be taken into the stomach with impunity. Pigs attack, kill and eat rattlesnakes. The poison does not get into their circulation.

Coke, and How It is Made.

Coke is the solid product left when all the moisture and gaseous matters have been expelled from bituminous coal. There are two kinds: gas coke, which is obtained from the retorts of gas-works, after the gasses have been seperated; and oven coke, which is made by burning the coal in a kiln, with little exposure to the air. Gas coke produces but a feeble heat, and though it is used to a considerable extent as fuel in cities, being a cheap sort, it is regarded by manufacturers as mere cinders. Oven coke, on the other hand, is capable of producing intense heat, and is valued for use in furnaces or smelting metals, and also in locomotives of underground railways, where the smoke of bituminous coal is very undesirable. At mines of bituminous coal, coke is made in large quantities, as in its manufacture all the fine refuse coal, screenings and coal dust, that would otherwise be thrown away, can be utilized. Two methods of cooking are in use. One is, by burning the coal in ovens of fire brick made for the purpose, these being usually about twelve feet square and ten feet in height. A door is made near the top through which the coal is put in, space being left for it to swell, while holes in the coverings of the oven allow the escape of the gases. The coal is then ignited from below, and a trench under the oven admits the air necessary for combustion. About forty-eight hours are necessary to complete the cooking process. The other method of making coke is by burning it in the open heap. It is piled in long ranges, often containing many hundred tons over a shallow trench or air passage extending their entire length. The heap is then fired, and when it is once thoroughly afire coke dust or ashes is heaped upon it, and when thoroughly covered in this way the fire is left for several days to smother and cool. This is a wasteful process, as much of the heap becomes ashes before the rest has been thoroughly coked. In some parts of Virginia and other southern states beds of natural coke is found.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

The Waste of Life.

An English naturalist remarks that it is a sad reflection that while the turbot lays 14,000,000 eggs, not more than one, on an average, ever lives to reach maturity. In a fish generally it takes yearly at least a hundred thousand eggs for each individual, to keep up the average of the species. In frogs and amphibians a few hundred are amply sufficient. Reptiles often lay only a much smaller number. In birds which hatch their own eggs and feed their young, from ten to two eggs per annum are quite sufficient to replenish the earth. Among mammals, three or four at a birth is a rare number, and many of the larger sorts produce one calf or foal at a time only. In the human race at large, a total of five or six children for each married couple during a whole life time makes up sufficiently for infant mortality and all other sources of loss, though among savages a far higher rate is usually necessary. In England an average of four and a half children per family suffices to keep the population stationary.

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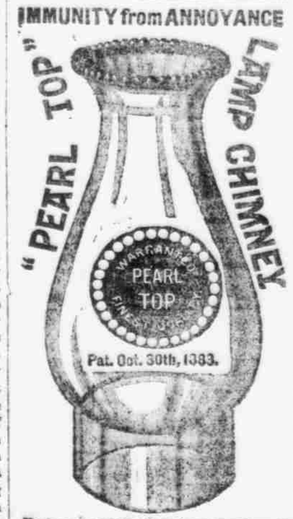

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A Critical Moment at Antietam.

From General Longstreet's account of "The Invasion of Maryland," in the *Century*, we quote this anecdote:

"Thus the battle ebbed and flowed with terrific slaughter on both sides. The Federals fought with wonderful bravery and the Confederates clung to their ground with heroic courage as hour after hour they were mown down like grass. The fresh troops of McClellan literally tore into shreds the already ragged army of Lee, but the Confederates never gave back.

I remember at one time they were surging up against us with fearful numbers. I was occupying the left over by Hood, whose ammunition gave out. He retired to get a fresh supply. Soon after, the Federals moved up against us in great masses.

We were under the crest of a hill occupying a position that ought to have been held by from four to six brigades. The only troops there were Cooke's regiment of North Caroline infantry without a cartridge. As I rode along the line with my staff I saw two pieces of the Washington artillery (Miller's battery) but there were not enough men to man them. The gunners had been either killed or wounded. This was a fearful situation for the Confederate centre. I put my staff officers to the guns while I held their horses. It was easy to see that if the Federals broke through our line there, the Confederate army would be cut in two and probably destroyed, for we were already badly whipped and were only holding our ground by sheer force of desperation. Cooke sent me word that his ammunition was out. I replied that he must hold his position as long as he had a man left. He responded that he would show his colors as long as there was a man alive to hold them up. We loaded up our little guns with canister and sent a rattle of hail into the Federals as they came up over the crest of the hill.

There was more business to the square inch in that little battery than in any I ever saw, and it shot harder and faster and with a sort of human energy as it seemed to realize that it was to hold the thousands of Federals at bay or the battle was lost. So warm was the reception we gave them they dodged back behind the crest of the hill. We sought to make them believe we had many batteries before them instead of only two little guns. As the Federals would come up they would see the colors of the North Carolina regiment waving placidly and then would receive a shower of canister. We made it lively while it lasted. In the meantime General Chilton, General Lee's chief of staff, made his way to me and asked: "Where are the troops you are holding your line with?" I pointed to my two pieces and to Cooke's regiment and replied: "There they are; but that regiment hasn't a cartridge."

Chilton's eyes popped as though they would come out of his head, he struck spurs to his horse and away he went to General Lee. I suppose he made some remarkable report, although I did not see General Lee again until night. After a little shot came across the Federal front, plowing the ground in a parallel line. Another and another, each nearer and nearer their line. This was from a battery on D. H. Hill's line.

This enfilade fire, so distressing to soldiers, soon beat back the attacking column.

Teach Them to Swim.

The necessity of having children taught to swim cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of mothers. There is sure to be a time when the knowledge will be of important service. A child may begin at six years of age. The motions are very easily taught. A swimming school is, of course, the most convenient place in which to learn. If, however, the child is taught in still water with a rope fastened about the waist and secured to a post or some object on terra firma, there is no danger even in deep water. A life-preserver gives a feeling of security to a timid beginner. There are few German children who cannot swim. Prussian soldiers have to learn swimming as a part of their military training. The grand trouble of teaching children to swim in this city is the lack of water. They might be bidden to hang their clothes on a hickory limb when starting out on some pleasure expedition, but to bid them "don't go near the water," would be entirely a work of supererogation.—*Altoona News.*

Lying With the Head High.

It is often a question amongst people who are unacquainted with the anatomy and physiology of man, whether lying with his head exalted or even the body, is most wholesome. Those who consult their own case on the point argue in favor of that which they prefer. Now, although many delight in bolstering up their heads at night, and sleep soundly without injury, it is nevertheless a dangerous habit. The vessels through which blood passes from the heart to the head, are always lessened in the cavities when the head is resting in bed higher than the body; therefore, in all diseases attended with fever, the head should be pretty near on a level with the body; and people ought to accustom themselves to sleep in this position to avoid danger.—*Hall's Journal of Health.*

The Feet of a Bee.

Naturalists say that the feet of the common working bee exhibit the combination of a basket, a brush and a pair of pincers. The brush, the hairs of which are arranged in symmetrical rows, is only to be seen with microscope. With this brush of fairy delicacy the bee brushes its velvet robes to remove the pollen dust with which it becomes loaded while sucking up the nectar.—Another article, hollowed like a spoon, receives all the gleanings which the insects carries to the hive. Finally by opening them, one upon another, by means of a hinge, these two pieces become a pair of pincers, which render important service in the construction of the combs.

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